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For : METHOD OF INHIBITING IMMUNE SYSTEM DESTRUCTION OF

TRANSPLANTED VIABLE CELLS

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Sir:

## SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1)

In accordance with their duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants would like to direct the Examiner's attention to the following disclosure, which is listed on Form PTO-1449 (Exhibit A). A copy of the disclosure listed below as item 1 is attached as Exhibit 1.

1. - Collin J. - Weber et al., - PCT International Publication Number WO 97/11607 filed on September 27, 1995, published on April 3, 1997 (Exhibit 1).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to 37-C.F.R. §1.97-(d), since a Final Office Action has already been issued in connection with this application.

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International Application No. PCT/US99/06630, filed March 26, 1999 is a foreign counterpart application of the subject application. A Partial Search Report was issued on November 27, 2001 in connection with European Patent Application No. 99914166.6. A copy of the Search Report is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The above listed reference 1 was cited in the Search Report.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), an information disclosure statement shall be considered by the Office if filed by the applicant after issuance of a Final Office Action provided that the information disclosure statement is filed on or before payment of the issue fee and is accompanied by: (1) the statement specified in paragraph (e) of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and (2) the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p).

Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1), applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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